

If my beauty be any thing, then let it obtain this much of you, that you will remain some *while* in this company, to ease your own travel and our solitariness. *Sidney.*
 I have seen her rise from her bed, and again return to bed; yet all this *while* in a most fast sleep. *Shakspeare, Macbeth.*
 One *while* we thought him innocent,
 And then w' accus'd the consul. *Ben. Johnson's Catiline.*
 I hope all ingenious persons will advertise me fairly, if they think it worth their *while*, of what they dislike in it. *Digby.*
 Pausing a *while*, thus to herself she mus'd.
 How couldst thou look for other, but that God should condemn thee for the doing of those things for which thine own confidence did condemn thee, all the *while* thou wast doing of them? *Tillotson.*
 That which I have all this *while* been endeavouring to convince men to, is no other but what God himself doth particularly recommend. *Tillotson.*
 Few, without the hope of another life, would think it worth their *while* to live above the allurements of sense. *Auber.*
 What fate has disposed of the papers, 'tis not worth *while* to tell. *Locke.*
WHILE. } *adv.* [Dyble, Saxon. *Whiles* is now out of use.]
WHILES. }
WHILST. }
 1. During the time that.
Whiles I was protector,
 Pity was all the fault that was in me. *Shakspeare, Henry VI.*
 What we have, we prize not to the worth,
Whiles we enjoy it; but being lackt and lost,
 Why, then we rack the value. *Shakspeare.*
 Repeated, *while* the sedentary earth
 Attains her end. *Milton.*
 2. As long as.
 Use your memory, and you will sensibly experience a gradual improvement, *while* you take care not to over-load it. *Watts's Logick.*
 3. At the same time that.
Whiles by the experiment of this ministration they glorify God, for your professed subjection unto the Gospel. 2 Cor. ix.
 Can he imagine that God sends forth an irresistible strength against some sins, *whilst* in others he permits men a power of repelling his grace? *Decay of Piety.*
TO WHILE. *v. n.* [from the noun.] To loiter.
 Men guilty this way never have observed that the *whiling* time, the gathering together, and waiting a little before dinner, is the most awkwardly pass'd away of any. *Spectator.*
WHILERE. *adv.* [*while* and *ere*, or *before*.] A little while ago.
 That curst wight, from whom I fear'd *whilere*,
 A man of hell, that calls himself despair. *Fairy Queen.*
 Let us be jocund: will you troul the catch
 You taught me but *while-ere*? *Shakspeare.*
 Here lies Hobbins, our shepherd *whilere*. *Raleigh.*
 He who, with all heav'n's heraldry, *whilere*
 Enter'd the world, now bleeds to give us ease. *Milton.*
WHILOM. *adv.* [Dyblom, Saxon, that is, *once on a time*.] Formerly; once; of old.
 Where now the studious lawyers have their bowers,
 There *whilom* wont the Templar knights abide,
 'Till they decayed through pride. *Spenser.*
 In northern clime a val'rous knight
 Did *whilom* kill his bear in fight,
 And wound a fiddler. *Hudibras.*
 Yet art thou not inglorious in thy fate;
 For so Apollo, with unweeting hand,
Whilom did slay his dearly loved mate. *Milton.*
WHIM. *n. f.* [This word is derived by *Skinner* from a thing turning round; nor can I find any etymology more probable.] A freak; an odd fancy; a caprice; an irregular motion of desire.
 All the superfluous *whims* relate,
 That fill a female gamester's pate. *Swift.*
TO WHIMPER. *v. n.* [*winmeren*, German.] To cry without any loud noise.
 The father by his authority should always stop this sort of crying, and silence their *whimpering*. *Locke.*
 A laughing, toying, wheedling, *whimpering* she,
 Shall make him amble on a gossip's message. *Rowe.*
 In peals of thunder now she roars, and now
 She gently *whimpers* like a lowing cow. *Swift.*
WHIMPER. *adj.* [I suppose from *whimper*.] This word seems to mean disordered with crying.
 This *whimpering*, whining, purblind, wayward boy,
 This signior Junio's giant dwarf, Dan Cupid,
 Regent of love-rhimes, lord of folded arms,
 Th' anointed sovereign of sighs and groans. *Shakspeare.*
WHIMSEY. *n. f.* [Only another form of the word *whim*.] A freak; a caprice; an odd fancy; a whim.
 At this rate a pretended freak or *whimsy* may be paliated.
 All the ridiculous and extravagant shapes that can be imagined, all the faucies and *whimsies* of poets and painters, and

Egyptian idolaters, if so be they are consistent with life and propagation, would be now actually in being, if our atheists notion were true. *Ray on the Creation.*
 So now, as health or temper changes,
 In larger compass *Alma* ranges;
 This day below, the next above,
 As light or solid *whimsies* move. *Prior.*
 What I speak, my fair Cloe, and what I write, shows
 The difference there is betwixt nature and art;
 I court others in verse, but I love thee in prose;
 And they have my *whimsies*, but thou hast my heart. *Prior.*
 Oranges in *whimsy*-boards went round. *King.*
 Lefs should I dawb it o'er with transitory praise,
 And water-colours of these days;
 These days! where e'en th' extravagance of poetry
 Is at a loss for figures to express
 Men's folly, *whimsies*, and inconstancy. *Swift.*
WHIMSICAL. *adj.* [from *whimsy*.] Freakish; capricious; oddly fanciful.
 Another circumstance in which I am very particular, or, as my neighbours call me, *whimsical*: as my garden invites into it all the birds, I do not suffer any one to destroy their nests. *Addison's Spectator.*
WHIN. *n. f.* [*chwyn*, Welsh; *genista spinosa*, Latin.] A weed; suize.
 With *whins* or with furzes thy hovel renew. *Tusser.*
 Plants that have prickles in their leaf are holly, juniper, *whin*-bush, and thistle. *Bacon.*
TO WHINE. *v. n.* [*panian*, Saxon; *weenen*, Dutch; *cuyno*, Welsh.] To lament in low murmurs; to make a plaintive noise; to moan meanly and effeminately.
 They came to the wood, where the hounds were in couples
 Flaying their coming, but with a *whining* accent craving liberty. *Sinney.*
 At his nurse's tears
 He *whin'd* and roar'd away your victory,
 That pages blush'd at him. *Shakspeare, Coriolanus.*
 Twice and once the hedge-pig *whin'd*. *Shakspeare, Macbeth.*
 Whip him,
 'Till, like a boy, you see him cringe his face,
 And *whine* aloud for mercy. *Shakspeare, Ant. and Cleopatra.*
 All the common people have a *whining* tone and accent in their speech, as if they did still smart or suffer some oppression. *Davies on Ireland.*
 Then, if we *whine*, look pale,
 And tell our tale,
 Men are in pain
 For us again;
 So, neither speaking, doth become
 The lover's state, nor being dumb. *Suckling.*
 He made a viler noise than *whine*
 In windy weather, when they *whine*. *Hudibras.*
 Some, under sheeps cloathings, had the properties of wolves,
 That is, they could *whine* and howl as well as bite and devour. *South's Sermons.*
 I was not born so base to flatter crouds,
 And move your pity by a *whining* tale. *Dryden, Don Sebastian.*
 Laughing at their *whining* may perhaps be the proper method. *Locke.*
 Life was given for noble purposes; and therefore it must not be sacrificed to a quarrel, nor *whined* away in love. *Collier.*
 Upon a general mourning, mercers and woollen-drapers would in four and twenty hours raise their cloths and silks to above a double price; and, if the mourning continued long, then *whining* with petitions to the court, that they were ready to starve. *Swift.*
WHINE. *n. f.* [from the verb.] Plaintive noise; mean or affected complaint.
 The favourable opinion of men comes oftentimes by a few demure looks and affected *whines*, set off with some odd devotional postures and grimaces. *South.*
 Thy hateful *whine* of woe
 Breaks in upon my sorrows, and distracts
 My jarring senses with thy beggar's cry. *Rowe's Y. Shore.*
TO WHINNY. *v. n.* [*hinis*, Lat. from the sound.] To make a noise like a horse or colt.
WHINYARD. *n. f.* [*pinan* and *ape*, to gain honour, Saxon, *Shimmer*.] I know not whether this word was ever used seriously, and therefore perhaps it might be denominated in contempt from *whin*, a tool to cut *whins*.] A sword, in contempt.
 He snatch'd his *whinyard* up, that fled
 When he was falling off his steed. *Hudibras.*
TO WHIP. *v. a.* [*weapan*, Saxon; *whippen*, Dutch.]
 1. To strike with any thing tough and flexible.
 He took
 The harness'd steeds, that still with horror shook,
 And plies them with the lash, and *whips* 'em on;
 And, as he *whips*, upbraids 'em with his fon. *Addison.*
 2. To sew slightly.
 In half *whipt* muslin needles usefess lie. *Gay.*

3. To drive with lashes.
 This unheard lawfulness, and boyish troops,
 The king doth smile at; and is well prepar'd
 To *whip* this dwarfish war, these pigmy arms,
 From out the circle of his territories. *Shakspeare, King John.*
 Let's *whip* these stragglers o'er the seas again;
 Lash hence these over-weening rags of France,
 These famish'd beggars. *Shakspeare, Richard III.*
 Since I pluckt geese, play'd truant, and *whipt* top, I knew
 Not what 'twas to be beaten 'till late. *Shakspeare.*
 If order'd every day to *whip* his top, so long as to make
 him weary, he will wish for his book, if you promise it him
 as a reward of having *whipt* his top lustily quite out. *Locke.*
 4. To correct with lashes.
 I'll leave you to the hearing of the cause,
 Hoping you'll find good cause to *whip* them all. *Shakspeare.*
 Reason with the fellow,
 Before you punish him, where he heard this,
 Left you should chance to *whip* your information. *Shakspeare.*
 Hourly we see some raw pin-feather'd thing
 Attempt to mount, and fights and heroes king,
 Who for false quantities was *whipt* at school
 But other days, and breaking grammar-rule. *Dryden.*
 How did he return this haughty brave,
 Who *whipt* the winds, and made the sea his slave? *Dryden.*
 This requires more than setting children a task, and *whipping*
 them without any more ado, if it be not done to our
 fancy. *Locke.*
 Oh chain me! *whip* me! let me be the scorn
 Of sordid rabblies and insulting crouds!
 Give me but life. *Smith's Phebe and Hippol.*
 Heirs to titles and large estates have a weakness in their
 eyes, and are not able to bear the pain and indignity of
whipping. *Swift.*
 5. To lash with farcain.
 They would *whip* me with their fine wits, 'till I was as crest
 fallen as a dried pear. *Shakspeare, Merry Wives of Windsor.*
 6. To twarp.
 Is firing hath both ends neatly lapt over with another about
 three inches in length, and so is firmly *whipt* about with final
 gut, that it may the easier move in the edge of the rowler. *Maxon's Mace, Ever.*
TO WHIP. *v. a.* To take any thing nimbly.
 In his lawless fit,
 Behind the arras hearing something stir,
 He *whips* his rapier out, and cries a rat!
 And in this brainish apprehension kills
 The unseen good old man. *Shakspeare, Hamlet.*
 She in a hurry *whips* up her darling under her arm. *L'Estr.*
 Raise yourself upon your hinder legs, and then stretch out
 your head: I can easily *whip* up to your horns, and so out of
 the well. *L'Estrange.*
 Brisk Susan *whips* her linnen from the rope,
 Whilst the first drizzling shower is born aloope. *Swift.*
 Thus disposed, it lies ready for you to *whip* it out in a mo-
 ment. *Swift.*
TO WHIP. *v. n.* To move nimbly.
 Two friends travelling together met a bear upon the way:
 the one *whips* up a tree, and the other throws himself flat upon
 the ground. *L'Estrange.*
 The simple 'quire made a sudden start to follow; but the
 justice of the quorum *whipped* between. *Taylor.*
WHIP. *n. f.* [*heop*, Saxon.] An instrument of correction
 tough and pliant.
 There sat infernal pain,
 And fast beside him sat tumultuous strife;
 The one in hand an iron *whip* did strain,
 The other brandish'd a bloody knife. *Fairy Queen.*
 Put in ev'ry honest hand a *whip*,
 To lash the rascal naked through the world. *Shakspeare, Othello.*
 Love is merely madnels, and deserves as well a dark-house
 and a *whip* as madmen do. *Shakspeare.*
 A *whip* for the horse, a bridle for the ass. *Prov. xxvi. 3.*
 High on her head she rears two twisted snakes;
 Her chain she rattles, and her *whip* she shakes. *Dryden.*
 In his right hand he holds the *whip*, with which he is sup-
 posed to drive the horses of the sun. *Addison.*
 Each staunch polemick
 Came *whip* and spur, and dash'd thro' thin and thick. *Dunc.*
WHIPCORD. *n. f.* [*whip* and *cord*.] Cord of which lashes are
 made.
 In Raphael's first works are many small foldings, often re-
 peated, which look like so many *whipcords*. *Dryden.*
WHIPGRAFTING. *n. f.* [In gardening.]
Whipgrafting is done two ways: first, cut off the head
 of the stock, and smooth it; then cut the graft from a
 knot or bud on one side sloping, about an inch and a half
 long, with a shoulder, but not deep; that it may rest on the
 top of the stock: the graft must be cut from the shoudering
 smooth and even, sloping by degrees, that the lower end be
 thin: place the shoulder on the head of the stock, and mark

the length of the cut part of the graft, and with your knife
 cut away so much of the stock as the graft did cover, but not
 any of the wood of the stock: place both together, that the
 cut part of both may join, and the sap unite the one to the
 other; and bind them close together, and defend them from
 the rain with tempered clay or wax, as before. The other
 way of *whipgrafting* is, where the grafts and the stocks are of
 an equal size: the stock must be cut sloping upwards from one
 side to the other, and the graft after the same manner from the
 shouder downwards, that the graft may exactly join with the
 stock in every part, and so bind, and clay or wax them as
 before. *Mortimer's Husbandry.*
WHIPHAND. *n. f.* [*whip* and *hand*.] Advantage over.
 The archangel, when discord was restive and would not be
 drawn from her beloved monadry with fair words, has the
whit-band of her, and drags her out with many stripes. *Dryden.*
WHIPPLASH. *n. f.* The lash or small end of a whip.
WHIPPER. *n. f.* [from *whip*.] One who punishes with
 whipping.
 Love is merely a madnels, and deserves as well a dark-house
 and a whip as madmen do; and the reason why they are not
 so punished is, that the *whippers* are in love too. *Shakspeare.*
WHIPPINGPOST. *n. f.* [*whip* and *post*.] A pillar to which
 criminals are bound when they are lashed.
 Could not the *whippingpost* prevail,
 With all its rherick, nor the jail,
 To keep from slaying scourge thy skin,
 And ankle free from iron gin? *Hudibras.*
WHIPSAW. *n. f.* [*whip* and *saw*.]
 The *whipsaw* is used by joiners to saw such great pieces of
 stuff that the hand saw will not easily reach through. *Maxon.*
WHIPSTAFF. *n. f.* [On shipboard.] A piece of wood fastened
 to the helm, which the steersman holds in his hand to move
 the helm and turn the ship. *Bailey.*
WHIPSTER. *n. f.* [from *whip*.] A nimble fellow.
 I am not valiant neither;
 But ev'ry puny *whipster* gets my sword. *Shakspeare, Othello.*
 Give that *whipster* but his errand,
 He takes my lord chief justice' warrant. *Prior.*
WHIPT, for *whipped*.
 In Bridewel a number be stript,
 Lasse worthe than these to be *whipt*. *Tusser.*
TO WHIRL. *v. a.* [*hwyran*, Saxon; *whirlen*, Dutch.] To
 turn round rapidly.
 Five moons were seen to-night,
 Four fixed, and the fifth did *whirl* about
 The other four in wond'rous motion. *Shakspeare, K. John.*
 My thoughts are *whirled* like a potter's wheel:
 I know not where I am, nor what I do. *Shakspeare, Henry VI.*
 He *whirls* his sword around without delay,
 And hews through adverse foes an ample way. *Dryden.*
 With his full force he *whirl'd* it first around;
 But the soft yielding air receiv'd the wound. *Dryden.*
 With what a *whirling* force his lance he tosd!
 Heav'n's what a spring was in his arm to throw! *Dryden.*
 The Stygian flood,
 Falling from on high, with bellowing sound,
 Whirls the black waves and rattling stones around. *Addison.*
 With impetuous motion *whirl'd* apace,
 This magic wheel still moves, yet keeps its place. *Grav.*
 They have ever been taught by their senses, that the sun,
 with all the planets and the fixed stars, are *whirled* round this
 little globe. *Watts's Improvement of the Mind.*
TO WHIRL. *v. n.* To run round rapidly.
 He, rapt with *whirling* wheels, inflames the skyen,
 With fire not made to burn, but fairly for to shine. *Spenser.*
 As young striplings whip the top for sport
 On the smooth pavement of an empty court,
 The wooden engine flies and *whirls* about,
 Admir'd with clamours of the beardless rout. *Dryden.*
 She what he swears regards no more
 Than the deaf rocks when the loud billows roar;
 But *whirl'd* away, to shun his hateful light,
 Hid in the forest. *Dryden's Zen.*
 Wild and distracted with their fears,
 They juggling plunge amidst the founding deeps;
 The flood away, the struggling squadron sweeps,
 And men and arms, and horses *whirling* bears. *Smith.*
WHIRL. *n. f.* [from the verb.]
 1. Gyration; quick rotation; circular motion; rapid circum-
 volution.
 I were well your judgments but in plays did range;
 But ev'n your follies and debauches change
 With such a *whirl*, the poets of your age
 Are tir'd, and cannot score them on the stage. *Dryden.*
 Wings raise my feet; I'm pleas'd to mount on high,
 Trace all the mazes of the liquid sky;
 Their various turnings and their *whirls* declare,
 And live in the vast regions of the air. *Creech's Manilius.*